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1. DRAFT RESOLUTION IN REFTEL (A) IS UNACCEPTABLE FOR

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REASONS GIVEN IN REFTEL (B) AND PARAS BELOW IF SECOND

COMMITTEE IS ASKED TO TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION IN ITS PRESENT FORM, USDEL SHOULD CALL FOR A VOTE AND VOTE AGAINST IT. YOU SHOULD ALSO ACTIVELY ENCOURAGE OTHER WEOS TO OPPOSE THIS RESOLUTION, DRAWING ON GUIDANCE IN REFTEL (B) AND PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 BELOW.

2. AS INDICATED IN REFTEL B, WE PARTICULARLY OBJECT TO BASIC THRUST OF RESOLUTION WHICH APPEARS TO BE AN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN BLANKET AUTHORIZATION FROM THE UNGA TO PROVIDE UN FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR STUDIES AND ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE ECDC ACTIVITIES WHEN REQUESTED BY THE G-77 AND THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT WITHOUT SUBMITTING SUCH PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF UN MEMBERSHIP. IT IS LIKELY THAT THE ACABQ AND THE FIFTH COMMITTEE IN THIS ASSEMBLY SESSION WILL DISCUSS THE QUESTIONABLE PRACTICE OF PROVIDING UN FINANCING FOR ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE NOT OPEN TO ALL UN MEMBERS, WHICH AROSE AFTER THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT PROVIDED SUPPORT FOR THE MANILA AND MEXICO CITY MEETINGS OF THE G-77 EARLIER THIS YEAR.

3. AT THE OCTOBER MEETING OF THE UNCTAD TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, ALL GROUP B (WEO) COUNTRIES RAISED OBJECTIONS TO UNCTAD (OR ANY OTHER UN ORGANIZATION) DISPENSING FUNDS OR SUPPORT WITHOUT A CLEAR AND SPECIFIC BUDGET AUTHORIZATION, AND REQUESTED THAT THE ENTIRE MATTER BE EXAMINED IN THE ACABQ AND THE UNGA FIFTH COMMITTEE. USDEL SHOULD THEREFORE WORK CLOSELY WITH THE WEOS ON THIS ISSUE AND SEEK TO PERSUADE AS MANY OF THEM AS POSSIBLE TO OPPOSE THIS RESOLUTION, WHICH WOULD PREJUDGE THE WORK OF THE ACABQ AND THE FIFTH COMMITTEE BY AUTHORIZING THE USE OF UN BUDGET FUNDS FOR AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF ECDC ACTIVITIES AT THE REQUEST OF THE LDCS WITHOUT FOLLOWING NORMAL BUDGETARY PROCEDURES.

4. WITH RESPECT TO PROBLEM RAISED BY ISRAELIS IN CONNECTION WITH REPORT OF MEXICO CITY MEETING, MENTIONED IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 OF RESOLUTION, USDEL MAY POINT OUT TO ISRAELIS THAT REFERENCE TO PEOPLES OF PALESTINE APPEARS IN INTRODUCTION TO REPORT, NOT IN THE SECTIONS CALLING FOR SPECIFIC MEASURES TO ASSIST ECDC WHICH ARE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAJOR FOCUS OF PARAGRAPH 2. WE THEREFORE WOULD ADVISE AGAINST SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING THE PALESTINE REFERENCE IN DISCUSSING THIS RESOLUTION. TO COVER THIS POINT, HOWEVER, USDEL SHOULD STATE IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE THAT WHILE THE REPORT OF THE GROUP OF 77'S RECENT CONFERENCE ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CONTAINS A NUMBER OF IDEAS WORTH EXPLORING, IT ALSO CONTAINS A NUMBER OF POINTS WITH WHICH WE DO NOT AGREE.

5. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS AND/OR EXPLANATION OF VOTE, USDEL MAY EXPLAIN THAT WHILE WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF ECDC, WE CANNOT ACCEPT A RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF MAKING THE UN SECRETARIAT ESSENTIALLY THE SECRETARIAT OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AS WELL. YOU MAY ALSO POINT OUT THAT WE PLAN TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN UNCTAD'S NEW ECDC COMMITTEE AND ANY OTHER UN BODIES WHICH MAY BE SET UP TO CONSIDER WAYS OF PROVIDING SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG LDCS. KISSINGER

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